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Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

The 1981 <u>Public Opinion Survey on Recreation</u> was the third study conducted by Alberta Recreation and Parks to look at different aspects of recreation and to aid in the development of policy. Specifically, the survey gathered information about the attitudes of Albertans on recreation participation and on leisure.

The survey consisted of four sections (See Appendix A for copy of questionnaire). The first section dealt with the participation of the respondent household in 43 recreational activities. The second section required the respondents to express attitudes toward their own recreational activities, and about the various social settings of those activities. The third section asked the respondents to answer questions related to the programs and services offered by Alberta Recreation and Parks. The final section requested socio-economic and demographic information from the respondents about themselves and their households.

The survey was designed by a team largely made up of staff from the Department of Recreation, Parks and Wildlife. The questionnaire was reviewed by outside experts and practitioners and tested before being sent out.

A random sample of 4,980 households was drawn from the residential telephone listings as of November 1, 1980 of the Alberta Government Telephones and Edmonton Telephones. The sampling units consisted of the heads of Alberta households. After non-existent addresses and undeliverable questionnaires had been eliminated, the effective sample was 4,707 households.

The data was gathered by mail in February and March 1981. The first copy of the questionnaire and a postcard reminder drew 1,807 responses (38.4% of effective sample size). About two weeks after the first mailing, a second copy of the questionnaire and a postcard reminder were mailed to those who had not yet responded. This second mailing yielded 578 responses (12.3% of effective sample size). Forty responses (.8% of effective sample size) could not be attributed to either mailing. A total of 2,425 individuals returned their questionnaires, representing a net response rate of 51.5%.

Certain criteria were established to determine whether returned questionnaires were usable or not. Questionnaires were considered admissible if, according to the data, any household member participated in any of the recreation activities. In addition, some demographic information was required for all acceptable responses. The data set included a number of responses from those under 18 years, and some cases in which the "heads of the households" did not answer the questionnaire personally. Data analysis and input formatting were done in accordance with "SPSS - Version 8" Conventions and IBM 360-370 requirements.

The 1981 Public Opinion Survey data is accessible through the transfer of data from the main survey data tape. Contact the address below for further information:

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The format of the following chapter, "The Results", is organized in the same sequence as the questions in the survey. The chapter is also divided into a number of parts, each of which covers a few questions of a related nature (e.g., participation, social settings, etc.) In most of the tables, the data are shown in absolute frequencies (N) and relative frequencies(%). In addition, most results are ranked in the tables, except in those cases where the results are best reported in an original order (as in age, education, income, etc.) Each table is preceded by a short description as well as an explanation of how the results were ranked in the table.

Chapter 2

THE RESULTS

Section 1 - Participation Characteristics - Respondents' Households

Tables 1 and 2 provide information on participation in 44 recreation and leisure activities. Table 1 indicates the number and percentage of households and the number of household members participating at least once in any given activity over the past twelve months. Further, it provides an estimate of the number of Albertans who participated in these activities under the same circumstances. Ranking is based on totals for "estimated participation by Albertans".

Table 1

Proportion of Households and Household Members
Participating in Recreation Activities

Recreation Activities (Ranked)		cipating holds %	Participating Household Members (N)	Estimated* Participation by Albertans	Rate per Thousand Pop.
. Visit friends	2353	97.0	6697	1,735,302	829
	2350	96.9	6671	1,727,399	825
. Radio, record	s 2343	96.6	6586	1,705,855	815
Dining outDriving	2266	93.4	6164	1,602,024	765
	2092	86.3	5700	1,479,517	706
Board gamesWalking	2100	86.6	5552	1,444,587	690
	2125	87.6	5392	1,400,416	669
. Reading	2299	94.8	5676	1,380,083	659
. Picnicking	1857	76.6	5318	1,376,514	657
O. Movies	1959	80.8	5085	1,322,909	632
 Spectator 	1809	74.6	4541	1,178,858	563
2. Camping	1585	65.4	4273	1,109,446	530
3. Museum	1788	73.7	4276	1,106,068	528

Table 1 (cont.)

Recreation Activities (Ranked)		cipating holds %	Participating Household Members (N)	Estimated* Participation by Albertans	Rate per Thousand Pop.
4. Dancing	1873	77.2	4195	1,092,364	522
.5. Crafts	1897	78.2	3924	1,021,932	488
.6. Gardening	1802	74.3	3857	1,005,870	480
.7. Swimming	1704	70.3	4171	996,446	476
.8. Bicycling	1502	61.9	3542	924,411	441
9. Volunteer orgn.	1518	62.6	3834	894,394	427
20. Skating	1398	57.6	3172	826,380	395
21. Frisbeeing	1302	53.7	3200	750,011	358
2. Boating	1139	47.0	2838	735,515	351
23. Fishing	1337	55.1	2755	717,832	343
24. Jogging	1300	53.6	2558	666,049	318
25. Video games	1058	43.6	2554	664,737	317
26. Drama	1147	47.3	2227	582,195	278
27. Bowling	1041 1022	42.9	2179	569,319	272
28. Calisthenics 29. Baseball	1022	42.1 42.4	2052 1920	535,410 498,059	256 238
30. Downhill skiing	862	35.5	1694		210
31. Rollerskating	804	33.2	1470	440,015 385,049	184
32. Tennis	740	30.5	1361	355,920	170
33. X Country skiing	758	31.3	1518	324,675	155
34. Golf	842	34.7	1300	297,017	142
B5. Racquetball	679	28.0	1079	282,556	135
B6. Hockey	686	28.3	1006	263,371	126
37. Curling	628	25.9	988	257,571	123
38. Badminton	541	22.3	979	254,447	122
39. Hunting	676	27.9	965	251,515	120
10. Football	584	24.1	892	243,433	116
11. Backpacking	482	19.9	926	240,233	115
12. Soccer	493	20.3	811	212,124	101
13. Other	337	13.9		198,994	95
4. Skateboarding	341	14.1	602	149,400	71

^{*}See Appendix B for explanation of how this estimate was obtained.

Table 2 presents the number of times over a twelve month period that one or more household members participated in an activity. It also provides an estimate of the number of participant days over a twelve month period in which it is predicted that Albertans would take part in these activities. Ranking is based on totals for "estimated participant days of Albertans". Only 43 activities are examined in this table as opposed to 44 in Table 1 due to the "other" category not being reported.

Table 2
Frequency of Participation by Members of Household

Recreation Activities		Estimated* Participant			
(Ranked)	1-10	11-30	31-50	51 or more	Days of
	Times	Times	Times	Times	Albertans
1. T.V. 2. Radio, records 3. Visiting friends 4. Reading 5. Board games 6. Walking 7. Driving 8. Dining out 9. Gardening	383	550	710	5028	77,107,323
	484	845	984	4273	71,635,287
	1288	2371	1233	1805	50,585,035
	1318	1254	775	2329	42,666,080
	1752	1716	890	1194	36,306,355
	1850	1563	686	1293	34,718,737
	2274	1827	608	991	33,377,712
	2799	2218	621	526	28,568,358
	1450	1081	519	807	23,659,034
10. Bicycling 11. Volunteer orgn. 12. Crafts 13. Picnicking 14. Spectator 15. Swimming 16. Movies 17. Camping	1341	1014	436	751	21,606,002
	1630	813	431	960	21,131,997
	1704	1015	485	720	20,883,045
	3324	1225	335	434	19,824,578
	2497	1246	376	422	17,275,858
	2177	1208	403	383	16,993,855
	3291	1324	257	213	16,659,250
	2567	1059	269	378	16,628,135

Table 2 (cont.)

Recreation Activities	1	Estimated* Participant			
(Ranked)	1-10 Times	11-30 Times	31-50 Times	51 or more Times	Days of Albertans
.8. Dancing .9. Jogging	2692 1240	933 698	238 269	332 351	15,242,915 12,697,414
20. Calisthenics	752	597	269	434	12,683,894
21. Drama	1029	473	281	444	12,672,449
22. Skating	1928	776	216	252	12,489,200
23. Video games	1400	572	242	330	11,754,746
4. Frisbeeing	1935	814	216	235	11,623,494
25. Museum visits	3184	747	209	136	11,401,485
26. Fishing	1725	618	189	223 211	10,379,071
27. Boating 28. Baseball	1870 1098	570 509	187 165	148	10,108,898 7,727,720
29. Bowling	1641	264	133	141	6,798,740
30. Hockey	436	240	124	206	5,868,064
31. Downhill skiing	1149	405	75	65	5,638,222
32. Tennis	816	373	85	87	5,626,339
33. Racquetball	589	279	99	112	4,772,619
34. X-Country skiing	-	-	-	-	4,348,059
35. Curling	530	269	97	92	4,320,936
36. Golf	845	274	82	99	4,122,677
37. Hunting	582	228	75	80	3,801,853
38. Rollerskating	1194	189	46	41	3,599,482
39. Soccer	424	247	58	82	3,542,909
10. Badminton	630	233	58	58	3,404,714
1. Football	601	196	51	44	3,050,224
12. Backpacking	698	153	24	51	2,613,116
13. Skateboarding	374	153	29	46	1,777,382

⁻ No Data *See Appendix C for explanation of how this estimate was obtained

Section 2 - Question 1 (a) (b) (c)

Favorite Activities, Reasons For Participation and Satisfaction of Needs

Table 3 provides data on respondents' first, second, and third favorite recreational activities. Activities are ranked in order of the percentage score for first favorite activity.

Table 3
Proportion of Respondents by Three Favourite
Recreational Activities

	Activity (Ranked)	1st F N	avorite %	2nd F	avorite %	3rd F N	avorite %
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28.	Camping Golf Downhill skiing Fishing Hockey/floor hockey Walking for pleasure Reading Swimming Racquetball/handball Curling Hunting Baseball Dancing Bowling Bicycling Jogging Flower arranging Horseback riding Tennis X-Country skiing Board games, cards Other out-of-home act. Hiking Travel vacationing Boating Gardening, hobby farm T.V. viewing Radio/record listening Skating	191 115 111 108 101 93 89 80 75 68 64 52 50 44 42 40 37 37 33 30 26 24 23 21 20 17	7.9 4.7 4.6 4.5 3.8 3.7 3.3 3.1 2.8 2.6 2.1 1.8 1.7 1.6 1.5 1.2 1.1 1.0 0.9 0.9 0.8 0.7	127 72 78 146 49 110 75 105 63 63 56 51 42 41 71 28 50 7 35 60 37 47 23 29 29 50 24 16 40	5.2 3.0 3.2 6.0 2.0 4.5 3.1 4.3 2.6 2.3 2.1 1.7 2.9 2.1 1.7 2.9 1.2 2.1 1.9 1.2 2.1 1.0 0.7 1.6	113 55 78 72 39 109 97 51 46 48 46 34 46 33 40 51 16 32 60 48 51 16 32 60 48 51 51 61 61 61 61 61 61 61 61 61 61 61 61 61	4.7 2.3 3.2 3.0 1.6 4.5 4.1 4.0 2.1 1.9 2.0 1.9 1.4 1.6 2.5 1.3 2.5 0.4 1.6 1.6 2.7 1.4 1.2 2.0 1.3

Table 3 (cont.)

	Activity (Ranked)	1st N	Favorite %	2nd F N	avorite %	3rd F N	avorite %
30.	Picnics	17	0.7	16	0.7	25	1.0
31.	Calisthenics	17	0.7	12	0.5	16	0.7
32.	Painting, pottery	17	0.7	12	0.5	8	0.3
33.	Basketball	16	0.7	20	0.8	9	0.4
34.	Football	16	0.7	20	0.8	21	0.9
35.	Soccer	14	0.6	14	0.6	13	0.5
36. 37.	Waterskiing	14 14	0.6	14 31	0.6 1.3	9 29	0.4
38.	Driving-pleasure Weightlifting	14	0.6 0.6	11	0.5	7	1.2 0.3
39.	Snowmobiling	13	0.5	8	0.3	17	0.3
40.	Volleyball	13	0.5	16	0.7	8	0.3
41.	Other in-home activities	12	0.5	17	0.7	14	0.6
42.	Photography	12	0.5	15	0.6	23	0.9
43.	Sailing	12	0.5	7	0.3	3	0.1
44.	Motorcycling	11	0.5	8	0.3	13	0.5
45.	Spectatorship	11	0.5	10	0.4	21	0.9
46.	Entertaining	10	0.4	13	0.5	13	0.5
47.	Pool/billiards	10	0.4	11	0.5	10	0.4
48.	Badminton		0.4	13	0.5	16	0.7
49.	Rollerskating	9	0.4	12	0.5	7	0.3
50.	Dining out	8	0.3	15	0.6	23	0.9
51.	Musical instruments	8	0.3	5	0.2	10	0.4
52.	Nature walks	8	0.3	1	0.0	4	0.2
53.	Rodeo	8 8 8 7 7	0.3	4	0.2	3	0.1
54.	Backpacking	7	0.3	8 2 9	0.3	3	0.1
55.	Ballooning/flying		0.3	2	0.1	2	0.1
56.	Theatre	6	0.2	9	0.4	10	0.4
57. 58.	Mechanics	6 5 5	0.2	3	0.1	1	0.0
59.	Canoeing/kayaking	5	0.2	9 1	0.4	8	0.3
60.	Mountaineering Frisbee throwing	4	0.2 0.2	9	0.0 0.4	- 5	0.2
61.	Movies	4	0.2	12	0.4	22	0.9
62.	Organizations/meetings	4	0.2	2	0.1	3	0.1
63.	Scuba Diving/surfing		0.2	2	0.1	4	0.2
64.	Martial arts	3	0.1	2	0.1	2	0.1
65.	Racing cars	4 3 3 3 3	0.1	4	0.2	ī	0.0
66.	Shuffleboard	3	0.1	1	0.0	ī	0.0
67.	Tobogganing	3	0.1	3	0.1	7	0.3
68.	Archery		0.1	1	0.0	4	0.2
69.	Gymnastics	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1	0.1	4	0.2	-	600
70.	Hang-gliding	2	0.1	1	0.0	1	0.0
71.	House maintenance	2	0.1	2	0.1	3	0.1
72.	Model making	2	0.1	4	0.2	3	0.1
73.	Racing horses	2	0.1	2	0.1	2	0.1
74.	Snowshoeing	2	0.1	-	-		
75.	Yoga	2	0.1	2	0.1	1	0.0
76.	A.T.V. use	1	0.0	1	0.0	1	0.0

Table 3 (cont.)

	Activity (Parked)	1st Favorite		2nd F N	2nd Favorite			
	(Ranked)	N	% 	IN	% 	N	% ;	
77.	Ballet/drama	1	0.0	1	0.0	1	0.0	
78.	Field hockey	1	0.0	1	0.0	-	-	
79.	Figure skating	1	0.0	-	-	-	-	
30.	Ice yachting	1	0.0	-	cam	-	-	
31.	Rallying/moto-cross	1	0.0	6	0.2	1	0.0	
32.	Stamp collecting	1	0.0	1	0.0	-	~	
3.	Gambling	-	-	2	0.1	1	0.0	
4.	Attending classes		-	1	0.0	-	-	
5.	Model airplane flying	-	-	1	0.0	-	-	
6.	Video games	one one		1	0.0	1	0.0	
7.	Museum visits	•	-	-		3	0.1	
8.	Gourmet cooking	•••	-	-	-	1	0.0	
9.	Skateboarding		-	_		1	0.0	
	Multiple responses	10	0.4	11	0.5	14	0.5	
	No response	325	13.4	387	16.0	504	20.8	

Table 4 provides a re-classification of the "first favorite" recreation activities (found in Table 3) into eleven larger "favorite activity categories".

Table 4

Favorite Activities Re-classified Into Favorite
Activity Categories

Creative-Cultural Activities (116)*

Ballet (1), Flower arranging (40), Gardening (21), House maintenance (2), Mechanics (6), Model making (2), Musical instruments (8), Painting, pottery (17), Photography (12), Stamp collecting (1), Theatre (6).

Social Activities (113)

Board games, cards (30), Dancing (52), Dining out (8), Entertaining (10), Pool, billiards (10), Shuffleboard (3).

Passive Activities (134)

Movies (4), Radio, records (20), Reading (89), TV viewing (21).

Exercise-Oriented Activities (512)

Archery (2), Badminton (9), Bicycling (44), Bowling (50), Calisthenics (17), Figure skating (1), Frisbee throwing (4), Gymnastics (2), Jogging (42), Martial arts (3), Nature walks (8), Racquetball, handball (75), Rollerskating (9), Skating (17), Swimming (80), Tennis (37), Tobogganning (3), Walking for pleasure (93), Weightlifting (14), Yoga (2).

Team Sports (293)

Baseball (64), Basketball (16), Curling (68), Field hockey (1), Football (16), Hockey (101), Soccer (14), Volleyball (13).

<u>Self-Propelled or Non-Mechanized "Outdoor Recreation" Activities</u> (96)

Backpacking (7), Canoeing, kayaking (5), Cross-country skiing (33), Hang-gliding (2), Hiking (26), Mountaineering (5), Sailing (12), Scuba diving (4), Snowshoeing (2).

Table 4 (cont.)

Non-Self Propelled or Mechanized "Outdoor Recreation" Activities (127)

ATV use (1), Ballooning, flying (7), Boating (23), Driving for pleasure (14), Horseback riding (37), Ice yachting (1), Motorcycling (11), Racing cars (3), Racing horses (2), Rallying (1), Snowmobiling (13), Waterskiing (14).

Golf (115)

Golf (115)

Downhill Skiing (111)

Downhill skiing (111)

Camping (191)

Camping (191)

"Extractive" Activities (176)

Fishing (108), Hunting (68)

"Other" Activities (106)

Organizations/meetings (4), Other in-home activities (12), Other out-of-home activities (30), Picnics (17), Rodeo (8), Spectatorship (11), Travel, vacationing (24).

^{*()} Brackets report the number of respondents desiring each activity.

Table 5 shows the proportion of respondents indicating their preference for favorite activities, with these activities grouped into "favorite activity categories".

Table 5

Proportion of Respondents by Favorite Activity Category

Rank	Type of Activity	n	% of Sample	% of Respondents Stating Preference
1	Exercise-oriented	512	21.1	24.5
	Team Sports	293	12.1	14.0
3	Camping	191	7.9	9.2
2 3 4	"Extractive" (hunting			0.4
_	and fishing)	176	7.3	8.4
5	Passive	134	5.5	6.4
6	Non-self propelled	127	5.2	6.1
6 7 8 9	Creative-cultural	116	4.8	5.6
8	Golf	115	4.7	5.5
9	Social	113	4.7	5.4
10	Downhill skiing	111	4.6	5.3
11	Other	106	4.4	5.0
12	Self-propelled	96	4.0	4.6
	No response	325	13.4	
	Mult. response	10	0.4	
	Ture. response		V • T	
Total		2425	100.1*	100.0

^{*}Does not total 100.0 due to rounding error.

Table 6 shows the importance of various reasons for participating in favorite recreation activities. The ranking is based on the percentage score for "Important".

Table 6

Importance of "Reasons for Participating" in Favorite Recreational Activities

	Reason (Ranked)	Not Import	ant	Impo	what rtant	Impor			ponse	Ans	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1.	Pleasure	49	2.0	405	16.7	1861	76.7	1	0.0	109	4.5
2. 3.	Health, exercise Relaxation	159 180	6.6 7.4	697 678	28.7 28.0	1461 1461	60.2	2	0.1	108 104	4.5 4.3
4.	Work alternative	270	11.1	683	28.2	1341	55.3	3	0.1	128 127	5.3
5. 6.	Pleasant surroundings Be with family	270 490	11.1 20.2	738 720	30.4 29.7	1290 1071	53.2 44.2	2	0.1	142	5.2 5.9
7. 8.	Socialize Skills, knowledge	329 352	13.6 14.5	920 899	37.9 37.1	1059 1014	43.7 41.8	1 2	0.0	116 158	4.8 6.5
9.	Challenge	499	20.6	831	34.3	931	38.4	2	0.1	162	6.7
10. 11.	Excitement Commitment	500 1089	20.6 44.9	861 734	35.5 30.3	900 417	37.1 17.2	3	0.1	161 182	6.6 7.5
12.	Competition	1179	48.6	756	31.2	334	13.8	2	0.1	154	6.4
13. 14.	Contribution Good at it	1065 1048	43.9 43.2	854 868	35.2 35.8	333 317	13.7 13.1	2	0.1	171 188	7.1 7.8
15.	Be alone	1254	51.7	663	27.3	317	13.1	2	0.1	189	7.8
16. 17.	Recognition *Other	1640 16	67.6 0.7	443 10	18.3	156 76	6.4 3.1	1	0.0	185 2322	7.6 95.8

*Other Reasons Specified (See below)

	Other Reasons (Ranked)	Freq N	quency %	
	To be outdoors	8	0.3	
2.	Psychological well being	6	0.2	
3.	Save money	4	0.2	
4.	Spiritual growth	3	0.1	
5.	Work related	2	0.1	
6.	Use of facilities	1	0.0	
	Not specified	13	0.4	

Important = 3). Thus, on average, ten of the statements were rated as "somewhat important" to "important" (mean-scores greater than 2.0), while the remaining six were rated, on average, as "not important" to "somewhat important" (mean-scores less than 2.0). Mean scores for each of cross-tabbed with favorite activity categories. In this table, sixteen specific reasons for participating in the favorite recreation activities are listed in rank order of mean-scores Table 7 displays the mean-scores that were determined when "reasons for participating" were calculated from among the sample as a whole (Not Important = 1; Somewhat Important = 2; the activity-preference sub-groups are also shown.

Table 7

Mean-Scores for "Reasons for Participating" by Favorite Activity Category

Reason (Ranked)	Sample	Cult.	Soc.	Pass.	Exer.	Team Sport	Go 1 f	Down. Ski	Fish	Сатр	Self- Prop.	Mech.	1
1. Pleasure 2. Health 3. Relaxation 4. Work altern. 5. Pleasant surroundings 6. Socialize 7. Skills 8. Family 9. Challenge 10. Excitement 11. Commitment 12. Good at it 13. Contribution 14. Competition 15. Be alone 16. Recognition	2.81 2.57 2.57 2.48 2.33 2.33 2.21 1.69 1.67 1.67	2.81 2.68 2.52 2.52 2.52 2.08 2.21 2.27 1.90 1.86 1.36 1.36	2.74 2.63 2.63 2.55 2.58 2.29 2.20 2.21 1.72 1.72 1.80 1.68	2.78 2.13 2.68 2.32 2.32 2.35 2.34 2.14 1.75 1.62 1.53 1.53	2.78 2.80 2.55 2.40 2.24 2.25 2.13 2.15 1.67 1.67 1.61 1.62	2.78 2.74 2.28 2.50 2.50 2.40 2.40 2.40 2.40 2.40 1.81 1.91 1.81 1.91 1.87	2.89 2.61 2.65 2.39 2.35 2.37 2.37 1.57 1.56 1.89 1.26	2.86 2.62 2.62 2.43 2.40 2.32 2.32 2.32 2.32 1.60 1.90 1.90	2.77 2.42 2.66 2.55 2.55 2.15 2.29 2.47 2.25 2.25 1.60 1.63 1.63	2.87 2.57 2.80 2.70 2.36 2.36 2.11 2.23 1.60 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50	2.90 2.66 2.66 2.63 2.38 2.27 2.27 2.27 2.27 2.20 1.90 1.18	2.81 2.46 2.58 2.58 2.33 2.33 2.34 2.37 1.60 1.73 1.59 1.66	1

Table 8 provides findings on the extent to which respondents' personal needs were satisfied through their favorite recreational activity. Ranking is based on the percentage scores for "Often".

Table 8
"Satisfaction of Needs" Through Favorite
Recreational Activities

	Needs	Ne	ver	Some	times	0fte	n		ult ponse		lo wer
	(Ranked)	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7.	Helps relax Helps stay healthy Places pleasing Sense of accomplishment Physical challenge Socialize with others Increases knowledge Try new things	60 134 53 77 233 147 165 182	2.5 5.5 2.2 3.2 9.6 6.1 6.8 7.5	628 680 772 1037 904 1037 1160 1181	25.9 28.0 31.8 42.8 37.3 42.8 47.8	1638 1500 1479 1178 1135 1114 960 898	67.5 61.9 61.0 48.6 46.8 45.9 39.6 37.0	1 - 1	0.0	99 110 121 133 153 126 140 163	4.1 4.5 5.0 5.5 6.3 5.2 5.8 6.7

Table 9 shows the mean-scores that were found when "satisfication of needs" was cross-tabulated with favorite activity category. In this table, the eight statements describing needs satisfied by participation in the favorite recreational activity are listed in rank-order of mean-scores calculated from responses among the sample as a whole (Never = 0; Sometimes = 1; Often = 2). Thus, on average, all eight needs were evaluated as being satisfied "sometimes" to "often". The table also shows, however, that mean-scores and, therefore, the frequency with which specific needs were satisfied varied between sub-groups of the sample defined according to their recreational activity preferences.

Table 9

Mean-Scores for "Satisfaction of Needs" by Favorite Activity Category

Mech.	1.69 1.77 1.60	1.50	1.44	1.44
Self- Prop.	1.72 1.84 1.83	1.53	1.69	1.47
Сатр	1.88 1.81 1.60	1.42	1.34	1.54
Hunt & Fish	1.81 1.75 1.57	1.40	1.42	1.60
Down. Ski.	1.65 1.80 1.76	1.61	1.75	1.19
Golf	1.77 1.79 1.60	1.53	1.39	1.14
Team Sport	1.50 1.45 1.79	1.61	1.72	1.18
Exer.	1.69 1.58 1.80	1.47	1.61	1.24
Pass.	1.71 1.46 1.02	1.32	0.65	1.57
Soc.	1.64 1.52 1.31	1.44	1.06	$\frac{1.28}{1.39}$
Cult.	1.75 1.58 1.21	1.79	0.90	1.58
Sample		1.49	1.42	1.36
Statement (Ranked)	1. Helps relax 2. Places pleasing 3. Helps stay healthy 4. Sense of	accomplishment 5. Socialize with Others	o. Physically challenging	ledge 8. Try new things

Section 2 - Question 1(d)

Annual Expenditures on Favorite Recreational Activity

Table 10 shows the annual expenditures by respondents on their favorite recreational activity broken down into equipment costs, travel costs, membership fees and other costs.

Table 10

Respondents'
Annual Expenditures on Favorite Activity

			Ту	pe of E	xpenditur	.е		
Amount Spent		pment		avel	Mombars	hip Fees	Othe	r Costs
\$	N	%	N	%	N	%	'n	%
0	261	10.8	250	10.3	522	22.8	540	22.3
1 - 49 50 - 99	493 405	20.3 16.7	529 357	21.8 14.7	652 409	26.8 16.9	420 370	17.3 15.3
100 - 249 250 - 499	504 230	20.8	435 297	17.9	410	16.9	393	16.2
500 plus	390	16.1	430	12.2 17.7	159 101	6.6 4.2	242 229	10.0 9.4
Mult. resp. No response	142	- 5.9	1 126	0.0 5.2	2 140	0.1 5.8	231	9.5

Table 11 indicates the percentage of an average dollar spent annually by respondents on their favorite recreation activity, broken down by travel costs, equipment costs, membership fees and other costs.

Table 11

Percentage of Average Dollar Spent on Favorite
Activity

Type of Expenditure	Percent of Average Dollar
Travel Equipment	31 31
Other (meals, accommodations, etc.)	23
Membership fees	15
Total	100

Table 12 displays the preference ranking for favorite activity categories and the ranking of total annual expenditures on respondents' favorite activity.

Table 12

Ranking of Total Annual Expenditures and Favorite Activity Categories

Recreation Activity	Favorite Activity (Rank)	Total Annual Expenditure (Rank)	•
Camping	3	1	
Downhill skiing	10	2	
Go 1f	8	3	
Outdoor (mechanized)	6	4	
Extractive	4	5	
Creative cultural	7	6	
Outdoor (self-propelled)	11	7	
Team sports	2	8	
Social	9	9	
Passive	5	10	
Exercise-oriented	1	11	

Table 13 shows the mean annual expenditures (equipment, travel, membership fees, and other costs) on favorite activity categories. The ranking is based on total mean annual expenditures.

Table 13

Mean Annual Expenditures
on Favorite Activity Category

Favo	rite		Type	of Expenditu	re	
Cate (Ran		Equip \$	Travel \$	Membership \$	Other \$	Total \$
1.	Camping	284	352	101	231	968
2.	Downhill skiing	290	252	182	233	957
3.	Go 1f	220	233	264	202	919
4.	Outdoor (mechanized)	311	286	96	203	896
5.	Extractive	264	288	81	197	830
6. 7.	Creative cultural Outdoor	246	134	51	98	529
	(self-propelled)	178	187	36	121	522
8.	Team sports	136	145	109	100	490
9.	Social	108	155	82	141	486
10.	Passive	140	154	50	102	446
11.	Exercise-oriented	113	107	93	75	388
12.	0ther	164	238	105	205	712

Table 14 shows the annual expenditures on equipment, travel, membership fees and other costs as a percentage of total expenditures on favorite activity categories.

Table 14

Percentage Expenditures on Each Type of Cost for Favorite Activity Categories

Favorite Activity Category	Equip Costs %	Travel Costs %	Membership Costs %	Other Costs %	Total* Costs %
Camping	29.4	36.4	10.4	23.9	100.1
Downhill skiing	30.3	26.3	19.0	24.3	99.9
Golf	23.9	25.4	28.7	22.0	100.0
Outdoor (mechanized)	34.7	31.9	10.7	22.6	99.9
Extractive	31.8	34.7	9.8	23.7	100.0
Creative cultural	46.5	25.3	9.6	18.5	99.9
Outdoor (self-propelled)	34.1	35.8	6.9	23.2	100.0
Team sports	27.8	30.0	22.3	20.4	100.5
Social	22.3	32.0	16.9	29.1	100.3
Passive	31.5	34.6	11.2	22.9	100.2
Exercise-oriented	29.1	27.6	24.0	19.3	100.0

^{*}Rounding errors create some totals not equal to 100.0.

Section 2 - Question 2 (a) (b)

Desired Activities and Barriers to Recreation Participation

Table 15 shows the proportion of respondents who replied yes or no when asked if there were any recreation activities they would like to start regularly but do not take part in now.

Table 15
Proportion of Respondents Desiring and Not Desiring a New Recreational Activity

	N	%	
Yes No No response	1273 963 188	52.5 39.7 7.8	
	2425	100.0	

Table 16 provides data on the type of activities that respondents would like to start participating in regularly (in ranked order).

Table 16

Proportion of Respondents by
Most "Desired" Recreational Activity

Rank	Desired Activity	N	%
1.	Racquetball/handball	170	7.0
2. 3.	Tennis Swimming	104 93	4.3 3.8
4.	Downhill skiing	92	3.8
5.	Cross-country skiing	79	3.3
6.	Golf	75	3.1
7.	Curling	45	1.9
8. 9.	Bowling	43	1.8
	Calisthenics	31	1.3
10. 11.	Hockey Baseball	27 21	1.1 0.9
12.	Camping	20	0.9
13.	Dancing	20	0.8
14.	Jogging	20	0.8
15.	Badminton	19	0.8
16.	Fishing	18	0.7
17.	Canoeing	17	0.7
18.	Bicylcing	17	0.7
19. 20.	Sailing	17 16	0.7 0.7
21.	Ballooning/flying Flower arranging	16	0.7
22.	Other out-of-home	10	0.7
	activities	14	0.6
23.	Rollerskating	14	0.6
24.	Bask etball	13	0.5
25.	Backpacking	13	0.5
26. 27.	Martial arts	13 12	0.5 0.5
28.	Skating Water-skiing	11	0.5
29.	Hunting	11	0.5
30.	Travel/vacationing	11	0.5
31.	Musical instruments	11	0.5
32.	Hang-gliding	11	0.5

Table 16 (cont.)

Rank	Desired Activity	N	%
33.	Archery	10	0.4
34.	Scuba diving/surfing	10	0.4
35.	Weightlifting	10	0.4
36.	Boating	9	0.4
37.	Painting/arts	9	0.4
38.	Horseback riding	á	0.4
39.	Football	9 8	0.3
40.	Soccer	7	0.3
41.	Attending classes	7	0.3
42.	Parachuting Crasses	7	0.3
43.	Snowmobiling	4	0.2
44.	Photography	4	0.2
45.	Volleyball	4	0.2
46.	Gymnastics		0.2
47.	Ballet/drama	4 3 3 3 3 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	0.1
48.	Board games/cards	3	0.1
49.	Other in-home activities	2	0.1
50.		3	0.1
51.	Mountaineering Hiking	3	0.1
52.		3	0.1
53.	Walking for pleasure	3	
54.	Spectatorship	2	0.1
55.	A.T.V. use Reading	2	0.1
56.	Picnics	2	0.1
57.	Organizations	2	0.1
58.	Gardening	2	0.1
59.		2	0.1
60.	Motorcycling Theatre	2	0.1
61.	Rallying/motocross	2	0.1
62.	Soaring	1	0.0
63.	Skateboarding	1	0.0
64.	Pool/billiards	1	0.0
65.		1	
66.	Rodeo	1	0.0
67.	Racing cars Nature walks	1	0.0
68.		1	
69.	Gourmet cooking	1	0.0
09.	Tobogganing No response	1185	48.9
	no response	1100	70.3
Total		2425	100.0

Table 17 provides a re-classification of the "desired activities" found in Table 16 into ten larger "desired activity categories". This classification differs from the "favorite activity categories" listed in Table 4. It was not possible to use the same classification as "favorite activity categories", because of the lack of sufficient numbers in certain categories to allow for statistical analysis. In addition, certain specific activities formerly treated within a group were listed frequently enough to allow statistical analysis, and it was deemed beneficial to give them individual consideration. Therefore, the following changes were made to the "favorite activity categories" in order to derive the classification for "desired activity categories":

- creative-cultural, social, and passive activities were combined into a single group;
- racquetball/handball and tennis were each recognized as distinct types of recreational activity;
- exercise-oriented activities omitted racquetball/handball
 and tennis;
- mechanized and/or non-self-propelled activities, extractive activities, and camping were combined into a single group.

Table 17

Desired Activities Re-classified Into Desired Activity Categories

Creative-cultural, Social, and Passive Activities (81)*

Attending classes (7), Ballet, drama (3), Board games, cards (3), Dancing (20), Flower arranging (16), Gardening, hobby farming (2), Gourmet cooking (1), Musical instruments (11), Painting, pottery (9), Photography (4), Pool, billiards, snooker (1), Reading books or magazines (2), Theatre (2).

Table 17 (cont.)

Racquetball, Handball (170)

Racquetball, handball (170).

Tennis (104)

Tennis (104).

Other Exercise-Oriented Activities (291)

Archery (10), Badminton (19), Bicycling (17), Bowling (43), Calisthenics (31), Gymnastics (4), Jogging (20), Martial arts, karate (13), Nature walks, bird watching (1), Rollerskating (14), Skating (12), Swimming (93), Toboganning (1), Walking for pleasure (3), Weightlifting, body-building (10).

Team Sports (125)

Baseball (21), Basketball (13), Curling (45), Football (8), Hockey, floor hockey (27), Soccer (7), Volleyball (4).

Self-Propelled and/or Non-Mechanized Outdoor Recreational Activities (153)

Backpacking (13), Canoeing, kayaking (17), Cross-country skiing (79), Hang-gliding (11), Hiking (3), Mountaineering (3), Sailing (17), Scuba diving, surfing (10).

Golf (75)

Golf (75).

Downhill Skiing (92)

Downhill Skiing (92).

Other Resource-Based Outdoor Recreational Activities (113)

A.T.V use (2), Ballooning, flying (16), Boating (9), Camping (20), Fishing (18), Horseback riding (9), Hunting (11), Motorcycling (2), Parachuting (7), Racing cars, motorcyles (1), Rallying (2), Skateboarding (1), Snowmobiling (4), Waterskiing (11).

Other (36)

Organizations or meetings (2), Picnics (2), Rodeo (1), Soaring (1), Spectatorship (2), Travel, vacationing (11), Other in-home activities (3), Other out-of-home activities (14).

^{*()} Brackets report the number of respondents desiring each activity.

Table 18 shows the proportion of respondents indicating their desire to start new recreational activities, with these activities grouped into "desired activity categories".

Table 18

Proportion of Respondents by
Desired Activity Category

Activity class (Ranked)	n	% of sample	% of respondents expressing desired activity
 Other exercise-oriented Racquetball, handball Self-propelled Team sports Other resource-based Tennis Downhill skiing 	291 170 153 125 113 104 92	12.0 7.0 6.3 5.2 4.7 4.3 3.8	23.5 13.7 12.3 10.1 9.1 8.4 7.4
8. Creative-cultural, social and passive9. Golf10. Other No response	81 75 36 1185	3.3 3.1 1.4 48.9	6.5 6.0 3.0
Total	2425	100.0	100.0

Table 19 shows the respondents' perceptions of the degree to which various reasons or barriers affect their ability to participate in their desired activity. The ranking of the barriers is based on a combination of the percentage scores for "sometimes a problem" and "often a problem".

Table 19
Respondents' Perceptions of Barriers to Recreation Participation

Barrier (Ranked)		Never a Problem N %		Sometimes a Problem N %		Often a Problem N %		Mult. sponse %	No Response N	
1. Work 2. Overcrowding 3. Lack of others 4. Opportunity 5. Family 6. Equipment 7. Admission 8. Site unknown 9. Learning unknown 10. Shyness 11. Gas price 12. Physical ability 13. Transport 14. Artistic ability 15. Physically unable	359 432 522 529 546 580 679 704 840 872 908 978 1018 1017 1106	14.8 17.8 21.5 21.8 22.5 23.9 28.0 29.0 34.6 36.0 37.4 40.3 42.0 41.9 45.6	487 423 459 326 494 371 352 310 225 268 245 187 149 168 93	20.1 17.4 18.9 13.4 20.4 15.3 14.5 12.8 9.3 11.1 10.1 7.7 6.1 6.9 3.8	404 359 264 389 196 288 211 223 167 95 86 74 68 38 47	16.7 14.8 10.9 16.0 8.1 11.9 8.7 9.2 6.9 3.9 3.5 3.1 2.8 1.6 1.9	1 2 2 1 1 2 - 1 - 1 2 - 1 1 2 - 1	0.0 0.1 0.1 - - 0.0 0.0 - - 0.1	1174 1209 1178 1181 1189 1186 1182 1187 1193 1190 1186 1184 1190 1201 1179	% 48.4 49.9 48.6 48.7 49.0 48.9 48.9 49.1 48.9 48.8 49.1 49.5 48.6

*Other Barriers Specified
(See Table 19)

	Other Barriers Ranked	Fred N	quency %	:
	Lack time	35	1.4	
2.	Lack motivation	14	0.6	
3.	Not specified	12	0.4	
4.	Weather	10	0.4	
5.	Cost of program	10	0.4	
6.	School commitments	7	0.3	
7.	Age	5	0.2	
	Travel cost	5	0.2	
8. 9.	Gov't policy	4	0.2	
10.	Getting organized	1	0.0	
11.	Family more important	1	0.0	

Table 20 displays the mean-scores that were determined when the "barriers" were cross-tabbed with desired activity categories. The ranking is based on the total mean scores on the left side of the table.

Table 20

Mean Scores for "Barriers" Statements by Desired Activity Categories

urce d Rank	11 10 11 11 12 13 14 15	
Resource Based % Rank	. 13 . 98 . 98 . 77 . 77 . 77 . 11 . 66 . 66 . 67 . 10 . 10 . 10 . 10	
	2 2 3 3 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	
Downhill Skiing %Rank	10 25 37 37 10 10 10 46 46 46 12 12 12 13 13 13 14 14 14 14 16 16 17 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18	
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Golf «Rank	8 1 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 9 8 8 9 8 8 9 8 8 9 8 8 9 8 8 9 8 8 9 8 8 9 8 8 9 9 8 8 9 9 8 8 9 9 9 8 9	
~	2.18 2.14 2.14 1.54 1.37 1.62 1.29 1.28 1.28 1.10 1.11	
elle Rank	11 11 10 113 113 114	
Self- Propelled % Rank	2.02 1.57 1.57 1.73 1.73 1.23 1.24 1.24 1.15 1.15 1.15	
m rts Rank	11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	
Tea Spo	2.01 1.84 1.97 1.59 1.50 1.30 1.32 1.15 1.15	
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Tennis % Rank	27 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	
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reative etc. % Rank	100 100 110 110 110 110 110	
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Sample Rank and Mean Score	2.04 1.94 1.75 1.75 1.75 1.15 1.27 1.23 1.23	
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*Not significant at .05 level

Section 2 - Questions 3 and 4

Quality of Life Items and Attitudes Towards Recreation

Table 21 indicates the respondents' ratings of the importance of "quality of life" items. The items are ranked on the basis of the combination of the "important" scores of 4 and 5.

Table 21

Respondent's Perception of the Importance of "Quality of Life" Items

. so	4.0 4.0 4.0 4.0 4.0 4.0 4.0 4.0 4.0
No Answer N	113 944 747 1111 733 96 93 128 68 85 86 88 89 98 98
Multiple Response N %	00.000000000000000000000000000000000000
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nely :ant	43.3 50.4 43.1 26.9 29.9 117.4 117.7 117.7 117.8 1.8 1.8 1.8 1.8 1.8 1.8 1.8 1.8 1.8 1
5 Extremely Important N	1051 1222 1045 653 726 423 399 429 382 297 279 279 208 1196 120
%	28.0 20.8 24.2 24.2 26.0 22.8 23.5 20.8 18.7 15.0 18.1 18.0 18.1 18.0 18.0 13.7 8.1
· S	678 504 537 631 552 569 569 505 454 333 439 436 333 196
%	13.7 17.3 17.3 20.3 20.3 23.5 23.0 29.9 25.5 26.2 26.2 21.6 37.1 28.2 27.9 113.2
z	333 419 493 571 557 724 619 635 523 782 900 683 677 320
ار مو	5.2 7.2 7.2 112.0 114.2 125.1 125.2 125.2 125.2 125.3
z	125 121 175 291 344 397 554 465 564 564 539 539 705 722
1 at All ortant %	5.2 2.6 2.1 2.1 6.9 10.5 112.0 12.0 12.0 19.7 42.2
Not a Impor	125 64 50 166 169 212 254 310 541 291 183 478 407 890
Items (Ranked)	1. Job 2. Family 3. Vacation 4. Neighbourhood 5. Reading 6. Facility prox. 7. Hobbies/crafts 8. Sports 9. Service groups 10. T.V. 11. Restaurants/movies 12. Spectator 13. Museums, etc. 14. Creative arts 15. Lounges/bars

Table 22 shows the proportion of respondents that agreed and disagreed with a number of positive and negative statements on recreation and leisure. The items are ranked on the basis of the percentage scores of respondents agreeing with the statements.

Table 22
Respondents' Attitudes Towards Recreation

	Attitude (Ranked)	Disag	ree	Agr	ee		tiple ponse	No Ansv	
,	(N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. 2.	Recreation feels good Sense of pride in	37	1.5	2334	96.2	3	0.1	51	2.1
	rec. activities People should seek as much rec. as	156	6.4	2207	91.0	-	-	62	2.6
	possible Like spur of the	363	15.0	2003	82.6	1	0.0	58	2.4
· .	moment things People spend too much time enjoying	705	29.1	1618	66.7	4	0.2	98	4.0
	themselves	1959	80.8	381	15.7	4	0.2	81	3.3
	Scared of free time upon retirement Bad for adults	2095	86.4	270	11.1	1	0.0	59	2.4
•	to be playful	2232	92.0	126	5.2	-	-	67	2.8

Section 2 - Question 5 (a) (b)

Participation and Importance of Social Settings

Table 23 indicates whether or not respondents participate in recreational activities in different social settings. The ranking of the social settings is based on the percentage scores of those answering "Yes".

Table 23

Respondents' Participation in Recreation Activities in Social Settings

	Social Setting	Υ	es	No		Mult. Resp.		No Answer		Don't Know	
	(Ranked)	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
	With friends	2195	90.5	132	5.4	3	0.1	95	3.9	-	-
•	With family	2131	87.9	214	8.8	2	0.1	78	3.2	•	-
•	Alone With fellow workers	1778 1275	73.3 52.6	492 936	20.3	9	0.4	146 213	6.0 8.8	-	-
•	With church group	556	22.9	1635	67.4	2	0.1	229	9.4	3	0.
	*Other	116	4.8	49	2.0	1	0.0	2259	93.2	-	-

*Other Social Settings Mentioned (See below)

Other Social Settings (Ranked)	Frequency N %
1. Community league 2. Benevolent association 3. Volunteer groups 4. New acquaintances 5. Young people's group 6. School 7. Teams 8. Clients 9. Ethnic groups 10. Teacher or coach 11. Other professionals	28 1.2 21 0.9 18 0.7 15 0.6 8 0.3 8 0.3 7 0.3 3 0.1 2 0.1 1 0.0 1 0.0

Table 24 provides information on the respondents' rating of the importance of various social settings for their recreation. The ranking of the social settings is based on the combination of percentage scores of "somewhat important" and "important".

Table 24

Respondents' Rating of the Importance of Social Settings for Their Recreation

	Social Setting	No Impor	-	Somewh int Import					tiple ponse	No Answer	
	(Ranked)	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1.	Friends	142	5.9	933	38.5	1280	52.8	3	0.1	67	2.8
2.	Members of family By yourself	142 724	5.9 29.9	507 995	20.9	1698 567	70.0 23.4	2	0.1	76 138	3.1 5.1
ļ.	Fellow workers Church group	953 1452	39.3 59.9	988 518	40.7	311 257	12.8 10.6	-	-	173 198	7.
5.	*Other	44	1.8	33	1.4	47	1.9	1	0.0	2300	94.

*Other Social Settings Mentioned (See below)

	Other Social Settings (Ranked)	Frequ N	uency %	
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.	Community league Benevolent association Volunteer groups New acquaintances Young people's group School Teacher or coach Teams Clients Audience	17 15 9 8 5 4 4 2 1	0.7 0.6 0.4 0.3 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.1 0.0	

Section 3 - Question 1 to 7

Attitudes on Various Issues

Table 25 represents respondents' opinions on the degree to which they feel it is important for provincial and national amateur athletes to win medals in various levels of competition (e.g., interprovincial, national and international).

Table 25

Respondents' Attitudes Towards Amateur Athletes Winning
Medals in Various Levels of Competition

Level of Athletes		lot ortant	Somewhat Important		Important				Mult Resp		No Answer	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
National	281	11.6	831	34.3	1144	47.2	142	5.9	1	0.0	26	1.1
Provincial	326	13.4	895	36.9	997	41.1	178	7.3	2	0.1	27	1.1

Table 26 indicates respondents' opinions on whether or not there are enough opportunities for families to participate together in organized recreational activities.

Table 26

Respondents' Attitudes Towards the Amount of Recreational Opportunities for Families

Family Recreation	•	lot ough %	Eno N	ough %		oo any %	• • •	o nion %	Mu Re N	Tt sp %		No swer %
Enough Opportunities?	875	36.1	1284	52.9	38	1.6	191	7.9	1	0.0	36	1.5

Table 27 shows respondents' opinions on whether or not there is enough or too much emphasis on competition in organized sports for children.

Table 27
Respondents' Attitudes Towards the Amount of Emphasis on Competition in Children's Sports

Competition in Children Sport	No Eno N	•	Eno N	ugh %	To Mu N	-	No Opini N		Mul Res	•	Ans N	•
Enough Opportunities?	180	7.4	865	35.7	1183	48.8	157	6.5	1	0.0	39	1.6

Table 28 indicates whether respondents agree or disagree with the use of schools for public-recreation purposes outside school hours.

Table 28

Respondents' Attitudes Towards the Use of Schools for Recreation

Public Recreation	Disa	gree	Agr	ee	No Opin		Mu Res			No swer
in Schools	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
	123	5.0	2159	88.6	118	4.8	1	0.0	35	1.4

Table 29 indicates whether respondents agree or disagree with the statement that employers should help provide recreational activities for their employees.

Table 29
Respondents's Attitudes Towards Employers
Providing Recreational Activities

Employers Providing Recreation	Dis N	agree %	Agı N	ree %	No Opin		Mu 1 Res	_	Ansı N	_
	634	26.1		55.2	410	16.9			41	1.7

Table 30 presents respondents' opinions on volunteers and specifically whether they agree or disagree with various statements on the subject. The statements are ranked in order of the percentages of respondents' that "agreed" with the statements.

Table 30
Respondents' Attitudes on Volunteers

	Statements (Parked)	Dis	agree	Ag	ree	No			1t		lo
	(Ranked)	N	%	N	%	Opin N	% %	N	sp %	N N	wer %
l.	Volunteers Have an Important Role in Community	53	2.2	2191	90.4	151	6.2	_	-	30	1.2
•	Volunteers Have a Chance to Learn New Things	55	2.3	2129	87.8	190	7.8	-	_	51	2.1
•	Volunteers Are Given Meaningful Tasks	191	7.9	1569	64.7	601	24.8	2	0.1	60	2.5
•	The Number of People willing										
	to Volunteer is Decreasing	291	12.0	1443	59.5	637	26.3	-	-	54	2.2
•	Personal Sacrifices Make it Difficult to Participate	863	35.6	996	41.1	504	20.8	2	0.1	60	2.5

Section 3 - Questions 8, 9, 10

Availability and Use of Recreational Organizations; Organizers of Recreation; and GET UP ALBERTA Campaign

Table 31 shows respondents' perceptions of whether or not recreational programs or services are offered by various organizations in the area in which they live. The ranking of the organizations is based on the percentage scores of those answering "Yes".

Table 31

Respondents' Perception of the Availability
of Recreational Services offered by Organizations

Ora	an iz ations	Υ	es		No	Do: Kn	n't ow	Mu 1 Res	-		lo wer
	nk ed)	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	% .	N	%
1.	Service groups/ community orgs.	1986	81.9	76	3.1	281	11.6	3	0.1	79	3.3
2.	Schools/ universities/ colleges	1906	78.6	169	7.0	269	11.1	3	0.1	78	3.2
3.	Municipal parks and recreation	1897	78.2	152	6.3	307	12.7	83		69	2.8
4.	Churches	1639	67.6	197	8.1	513	21.2	œ	-	76	3.1
5.	Private clubs	1587	65.4	244	10.1	505	20.8	3	0.1	86	3.5
6.	Exhibition boards agric. societies	1297	53.5	240	9.9	796	32.8	1	0.0	91	3.8
7.	Commercial facilities	1237	51.0	309	12.7	762	31.4	1	0.0	116	4.8
8.	Further education council	831	34.3	307	12.7	1175	48.5	1	0.0	111	4.6
9.	Employers	768	31.7	822	33.9	722	29.8	1	0.0	112	4.6
10.	Preventive social services board	657	27.1	258	10.6	1409	58.1			101	4.2

Table 32 provides information on respondents' use of recreational programs or services offered by various organizations. The ranking of the organizations is based on a combination of the percentage scores for "sometimes" and "often".

Table 32

Respondents' Use of Recreational Services
Offered by Various Organizations

0		Ne	ver	Somet	imes	0f	ten		1t	No Answ	
	anizations nked)	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	sp %	N N	/er %
1.	Municipal parks and recreation	462	19.1	1239	51.1	636	26.2	1	0.0	87	3.6
2.	Service groups/ community orgs.	856	35.3	1165	48.0	308	12.7	1	0.0	95	3.9
3.	Schools/ universities/ colleges	964	39.8	1028	42.4	329	13.6	1	0.0	103	4.2
4.	Commercial facilities	1088	44.9	906	37.4	298	12.3	-	-	133	5.5
5.	Exhibition boards/agr. societies	1233	50.8	935	38.6	137	5.6	3	0.1	117	4.8
6.	Private clubs	1281	52.8	753	31.1	273	11.3	-	can.	118	4.9
7.	Churches	1421	56.6	672	27.7	238	9.8	1	0.0	93	3.8
8.	Employers	1719	70.9	425	17.5	127	5.2	-		154	6.4
9.	Further education councils	1760	72.6	448	18.5	55	2.3	2	0.1	160	6.6
10.	Preventive social services boards	2067	85.2	173	7.1	14	0.6	œ	6 5	171	7.:

Table 33 shows respondents' dependence on various groups or organizations to organize their recreational activities. Ranking is based on a combination of the percentage scores for "somewhat" and "a great deal".

Table 33

Respondents' Dependence on Groups or Organizations to Organize Recreational Activities

Gro	oups or	Not	t At	Some	what	A Gr	eat	Mı	ılt	No	
0rg	janizations	A11	l			Dea	.1		esp	Ansı	
(Ra	nked)	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1.	Themselves	97	4.0	409	16.9	1845	76.1	1	0.0	73	3.0
2.	Friends	251	10.4	1397	57.6	695	28.7	1	0.0	81	3.3
3.	Family	296	12.2	949	39.1	1105	45.6	1	0.0	74	3.1
4.	Municipal parks and recreation	1001	41.3	1021	42.1	325	13.4	-	-	78	3.2
5.	Commercial facilities	1233	50.8	881	36.3	183	7.5	3	0.1	125	5.2
6.	Service groups/ community orgs.	1387	57.2	772	31.8	175	7.2	ao	-	91	3.8
7.	Schools/ universities/										
	colleges	1423	58.7	735	30.3	155	6.4	oso	-	112	4.6
8.	Private clubs	1503	62.0	644	26.6	175	7.2	2	0.1	101	4.2
9.	Employer	1907	78.6	359	14.8	45	1.9	-	-	114	4.7

Table 34 indicates respondents' awareness of the "GET UP ALBERTA" fitness campaign.

Table 34

Respondents' Awareness of GET UP ALBERTA
Campaign

	No	Yes	No Answer
	N %	N %	N %
			,
Awareness	1227 50.6	1135 46.8	63 2.6

Table 35 displays respondents' opinions on the effects (if any) of the GET UP ALBERTA campaign on them. The statements are ranked in order of the percentage scores of respondents who stated that the campaign had an effect.

Table 35

Respondents' Perception of Effects of GET UP ALBERTA Campaign

ffects Ranked)	No E	ffect %	Had N	Effect %	No An	swer %
. More aware of benefits of part. in recreation	411	16.9	687	28.3	1327	54.7
No effect	689	28.4	409	16.9	1327	54.7
Taken up a new rec. activity	924	38.1	174	7.2	1327	54.7
Other	1051	43.3	47	1.9	1327	54.7
Reduced interest in part. in recreation	1071	44.2	27	1.1	1327	54.7

Section 4 - Questions 1 to 14

$\frac{ \hbox{Socio-Economic and Demographic Information} }{ \hbox{on Respondent and Household} }$

Table 36 provides data on the respondents' sex.

Table 36 Respondents' Sex

Sex	Fred N	quency %	
Male	1563	64.5	MED THE SECOND ACT THE TENNES TO THE
Female	827	34.1	
Multiple response	15	0.6	
No answer	20	0.8	
	2425	100.0	

Table 37 shows a breakdown of the respondents' age.

Table 37
Respondents' Age

Age	Fred N	quency %	
Under 18	41	1.7	
18-29	787	32.3	
30-49	943	38.7	
50-64	398	16.3	
65 and over	218	8.9	
No answer	49	2.0	

Table 38 provides information on respondents' marital status.

Table 38
Respondents' Marital Status

Marital Status	Frequ N	uency %		
Married	1681	69.3		
	430	17.7		
Single Other	282	11.6		
Mult. response	2	0.1		
No answer	30	1.2	•	

Table 39 provides a breakdown of the respondents' highest level of education; Table 40 indicates the spouse's educational level.

Table 39
Respondents' Educational Level

Educational Level	Free	quency %
Elementary	73	3.0
Junior high	214 330	8.8
Part of senior high Completed senior high	429	13.6 17.7
Part of tech or voc.	203	8.4
Completed tech or voc.	490	20.2
Part of univ. degree	218	9.0
Comp. univ. degree	403	16.6
*Other No answer	31 34	1.3 1.4

*Other Education Mentioned (See Table 39)

Education	Frequency N %	:
Completed college Part college University certificate Currently in school	10 0.4 6 0.2 3 0.1 2 0.1	

Table 40
Spouse's Educational Level

Educational Level	Fred N	quency %
Elementary	55	2.8
Junior high	181	9.1
Part of senior high	273	13.7
Completed senior high	408	20.5
Part of tech or voc.	111	5.6
Completed tech or voc.	314	15.7
Part of univ. degree	117	5.9
Comp. univ. degree	219	11.0
*Other	9	0.5
No answer	308	15.4

*Other Education Mentioned

Education	Freq N	uency %		
Completed college No answer Part of college	4 3 2	0.2 0.2 0.1		

Tables 41 and 42 provide information on volunteer participation. Table 41 indicates the proportion of respondents who themselves volunteered as well as respondents who had members of their household volunteering in the past 12 months. Table 42 shows the number of members in the household who worked as volunteers.

Table 41

Proportion of Respondents' Volunteering and Those Having Members of Household Volunteering

Type of Volunteer	Y	es	N	lo		lt sp	No An sw			n't
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Respondents' Household members Respondents alone	979 967	40.4 39.9	1315 1410	54.2 58.1			128 45	5.3 1.9	2 -	0.1

Table 42
Number of Volunteers in Household

Numb er	Fred N	uency %	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	386 532 111 40 8 2 3 1	15.9 21.9 4.6 1.6 0.3 0.1 0.1 0.0	

Table 43 provides a breakdown of respondents' occupation (in ranked order).

Table 43
Respondents' Occupation

Occup ation	Freq	uency	
(Ranked)	N	%	
1. Employed professional	312	12.9	
2. Skilled trades	237	9.8	
3. Housewives	212	8.7	
4. Skilled clerical	199	8.2	
5. Middle management	181	7.5	
5. Retired	170		
7. Semi-skilled clerical	122		
3. Semi-skilled trades	103	4.2	
9. Semi-professionals	100	4.1	
10. Farmers	100	4.1 4.1	
ll. Unskilled labour 12. Technicians	100 92	3.8	
13. Students	75	3.0	
13. Students 14. Supervisors	62	2.6	
14. Supervisors 15. Unskilled clerical	52	2.1	
16. High management	43	1.8	
17. Foremen	31	1.3	
18. Other	22	0.9	
l9. Self-employed professionals	14	0.6	
20. Farm labour	6	0.2	
Multiple response	20	0.8	
No answer	172	7.1	

Table 44 indicates the location of the respondents' places of residence and in particular, differentiates between rural and urban locations.

Table 44
Respondents' Places of Residence

Location	Freq N	uency %	
Town or city Farm or acreage Multiple response No answer	2102 245 19 59	86.7 10.1 0.8 2.4	

Table 45 provides data on the regions in which respondents live (in ranked order).

Table 45
*Regions in Which Respondents Live

Regions	Freq	uency	
(Ranked)	N	%	
1. Calgary (3)	733	30.2	
2. Edmonton (12)	649	26.8	
3. Stony Plain (10)	189	7.8	
4. Lethbridge (1)	147	6.1	
5. Red Deer (6)	109	4.5	
6. Leduc (7) 7. Medicine Hat (2)	83 77	3.4 3.2	
7. Medicine Hat (2) 8. Grande Prairie (15)	60	2.5	
9. St. Paul (13)	54	2.2	
10. Barrhead (11)	35	1.4	
11. Three Hills (4)	34	1.4	
12. Vegreville (8)	33	1.4	
13. Edson (9)	33	1.4	
14. Peace River (16)	33	1.4	
15. Stettler (5)	32	1.3	
16. Wainwright (18)	30	1.2	
17. Fort McMurray (17)	17	0.7	
18. High Prairie (14)	9	0.4	
Not known	68	2.8	

^{*}Regions and regional boundaries are based on Recreation Development Division regions and regional offices. The numbers bracketed after each region indicate the regions.

Table 46 describes the respondents' types of households (in ranked order).

Table 46
Respondents' Types of Households

	Household Types (Ranked)	Freq N	uency %	,
1. (Couple with children	1161	47.9	
2. (Couple with no children One or more unrelated	584	24.1	
	Single adults	416	17.2	
	Single parent family	132	5.4	
	*Other	87	3.6	
	Multiple response	2	0.1	
	No answer	43	1.8	

*Other Types of Households

Household Types (Ranked)	Fre N	quency %
1. Extended family	49	56.3
2. Single person3. Family and	21	24.1
unrelated persons 4. Couple plus	7	8.0
single person	5	5.7
5. Foster home No answer	1 4	1.1 4.6

Table 47 indicates the number of persons in the respondents' households.

Table 47

Number of Persons
in Respondents' Households

lumber of	M	~	
Persons	N	%	
1	285	11.8	
2 3 4 5 6 7	763	31.5	
3	429	17.7	
4	511	21.1	
5	232	9.6	
6	87	3.6	
7	34	1.4	
8	13	0.5	
8 9	4	0.2	
10	3	0.1	
11	2	0.1	
14	ī	0.0	
16	ī	0.0	
No answer	60	2.5	

Table 48 provides a breakdown of the number and age of the members of the respondents' households.

Table 48

Number and Age of Person(s) in Respondents' Households

					Age ((ears)						
Number in Household	Und	 er 6	6	-17	18	-29	30	-49	50	-64	0ve	r 64
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
0	1916	79.0	1652	68.1	1220	50.3	1255	51.8	1887	77.8	2159	89.0
ĺ	309	12.7	337	13.9	503	20.7	451	18.6	285	11.8	168	6.9
2	169	7.0	298	12.3	591	24.4	715	29.5	252	10.4	96	4.0
3	23	0.9	107	4.4	68	2.8	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.1
4	2	0.1	25	1.0	25	1.0	1	0.0	1	0.0	-	-
5	-	-	5	0.2	14	0.6	1	0.0	-	-	-	-
6	6	0.2	1	0.0	3	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	-	-	-	-	1	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 49 describes the respondents' types of dwellings (in ranked order).

Table 49
Respondents' Types of Dwellings

	es of Dwellings	Fre	Frequency	
	ked)	N	N %	
2. 3. 4. 5.	House Attached house Apartment Mobile home *Other Multiple response No answer	1609 342 321 103 18 3 29	66.4 14.1 13.2 4.2 0.7 0.1 1.2	

*Other Types of Dwellings Mentioned

Types of Dwellings (Ranked)	Frequency N %
 Senior citizens' home Basement suite Hotels and motels Modular housing Winter and summer homes No answer 	1 44.4 2 22.2 2 11.1 1 5.6 1 5.6 2 11.1

Table 50 shows the proportion of respondents who own or rent their dwelling.

Table 50
Proportion of Respondents Who Own or Rent

Response	Frequency N	uency %	
Own	1647	67.9	
Rent	712	29.4	
Multiple response	6	0.2	
No answer	60	2.5	

Table 51 indicates how long respondents have lived in their present dwelling.

Table 51
Length of Residence in Present Dwelling

Length of Time	Fred N	quency %	
Under 6 months	161	6.6	
6 months to 1 year		14.3	
1 to 2 years		21.4	
3 to 5 years	507	20.9	
6 to 10 years	321	13.2	
11 or more years	534	22.0	
Multiple response	2	0.1	
No answer	35	1.4	

Table 52 presents the length of time that respondents have lived in Alberta.

Table 52
Length of Residence In Alberta

Length of Time	Freq N	uency %
Under 6 months	6	0.2
6 months to 1 year	60	2.1
1 to 2 years	125	
3 to 5 years	225	9.3
6 to 10 years		9.1
11 or more years		72.2
Multiple response	5	0.2
No answer	42	1.7

Table 53 indicates the number of people from respondents' households who received an income over the past 12 months.

Table 53

Number of Income Earners in Household

Number	Free N	quency %	
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 No answer	7 754 1134 224 102 38 8 6	0.3 31.1 46.8 9.2 4.2 1.6 0.3 0.2 6.3	

Table 54 displays the respondents' estimate of the total amount of income received in their households during the past 12 months.

Table 54
Total Household Income

<pre>Income Level (\$)</pre>	Fred N	quency %	
Under 10,000	208	8.6	,
10,000-15,000	251	10.4	
15,001-20,000 20,001-25,000	225 277	9.3 11.4	
25,001-23,000	296	12.2	
30,001-35,000	241	9.9	
35,001-40,000	219	9.0	
40,001-45,000	146	6.0	
45,001-50,000	111	4.6	
50,001-55,000	68	2.8	
55,001-60,000	52	2.1	
60,001 or more Multiple response	126 14	5.2 0.6	
No answer	191	7.9	

Finally, the survey also provided space at the back of the questionnaire for any comments that respondents might have. Table 55 presents these comments in ranked order.

Table 55
Respondents' Comments

Comments (Ranked)	Fre N	equency %	
L. Miscellaneous comments	93	20.0	
2. Explains motives for participation	63	13.5	
3. Critical of questionnaire	46	9.9	
1. Critical of number of facilities	29	6.2	
. Praise of questionnaire	28	6.0	
Need for more recreation	23	4.9	
7. Praise parks	17	3.7	
3. Improve park cleaniness	16	3.4	
Wants survey results	15	3.2	
10. Explains why questions not answered	15	3.2	
I1. Govt. should ensure equal access to facilities	11	2.4	
12. Curious about questionnaire	9	1.9	
l3. Use schools for recreation	7	1.5	
14. Critical of times facilities are open	6	1.3	
L5. Fees are too high	6	1.3	
l6. Critical of parks staff	6	1.3	
l7. Praise staff	6	1.3	
l8. More local parks needed	6 5	1.3	
l9. Preserve wilderness	5	1.1	
20. More campsite reservation systems	4	0.9	
21. Illness prevents participation	4	0.9	
22. Encourage volunteers	4	0.9	
23. Critical of competition in children's	4	0 0	
sports	4	0.9 0.9	
24. Government should not organize activities 25. Vandalism is a problem	4	0.9	
26. Praise department programs	3	0.6	
27. Provide services	3	0.6	
28. Old age prevents participation	3	0.6	
29. Facilities adequate	3 3 3 3	0.6	
30. Encourage amateur sports	3	0.6	
31. Irrelevent comments on heritage trust fund	3	0.6	
32. Spend less on recreation and more on			
other programs	3	0.6	

Table 55 (cont.)

Comments		quency	,
(Ranked)	N	%	•
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33. Critical of land-use policies for crown	2	0.4	
34. Few organized activities for those	۷	0.4	
over 25 years	2	0.4	
35. Govt. should provide facilities	2	0.4	
36. Fees are too low	1	0.2	
37. Ban motors from park	1	0.2	
38. Outdoor recreation facilities in Alberta			
poor	1	0.2	
39. Encourage recreation on lakes and rivers	1 .	0.2	

APPENDIX A

Questionnaire Instrument

Public Opinion Survey on Recreation

	SECTION 1	For Of
ABOU	JT YOUR HOUSEHOLD	050
activities of all the me the household include	owing questions about the recreational imbers of your household. Members of all of those people who normally live in or other dwelling in which you live.	0 1
	g activities, please indicate the number of hold who participated in each of the follow- welve months.	
FOR EXAMPLE, a housel for tennis:	hold with 5 members might answer this way	
2 members	each played tennis more than 51 times —	
1 member p	played tennis 14 times —	
2 members	did not play tennis at all	
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	Not 1 to 10 11 to 30 31 to 50 51 or at all times times times more	
Tennis	1,211	
Creative Or Cultural Activities:	Not 1 to 10 11 to 30 31 to 50 51 or st all times times times more times	
Visiting a museum, library, live theatre, art gallery, etc. (not movies)	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
Engaging in a craft or hobby	y I	
(photography, woodwork, sewing, etc.)		
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Calisthenics 2	ـــا لـــا	با لبنا ا	ا لىاك	
Outdoor Activities		11 , 11 ,		
Walking for pleasure a Driving for pleasure or				
sightseeing				
Backpacking (overnight)				604
				لتطنا
Frisbee throwing 1				
Skateboarding 2				
Jogging/Running 3				
	ــــا لـــــا	, I — I —		. 0 5
Cross-country skiing) !		0,0
City Cimig Transfer	•	J		
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Fishing 2	8			
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Social Activities	1 . 11			
Dancing				
Dining out	8 8 	ے بیا ل		0 6
Participating in church group, service group or community organization activities	•	ــا لـــــا لــــــــــا	البال	
Other Activities			- 11 1	
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Playing table and board games (chess, cards, monopoly, etc)	s	ــالـــالـ		
Playing video and electronic	•	ــا لــــا لـــــ		
Attending a movie	ـــا لــــا	ــا لـــــا لــ	البال	
Watching T.V	ــا لـــا	ــا لـــــا لــ	البال	
Listening to radio, records, tapes	ــالـــا	ــالـــالــ		0 7
Attending a sports event as a spectator	حاليا	النال		
Other (please specify)		ــالـــالــ	النال	
Other (please specify)		ــا لــــــا لــ	البال	

SECTION 2 ABOUT YOU PERSONALLY					For Office Use Only
Please answer the following questions about your own recrea- tional activities and your personal views on recreation.					
(a) Please rank your three favorite re many times you participated in each	creations h activity	activitie	s and in	dicate how	
NUMBER OF TIMES IN THE PAST T	YOU P	ARTICIP	ATED		
	1 to 10 times	11 to 30 times		51 or more times	
Favorite					*
2nd Favorite					
3rd Favorite					
(b) People have many reasons for po your favorite recreational active following to you? (Check one box	ity, how	importe	reation.	Based on each of the	
	Not	Som nt imp	ewhat ortant	Important	
to compete with others		L	_		6
for physical health or exercise		L	\dashv		
because I am good at it		Ĺ			I H
to relax		L	_		
to socialize with others		ſ	_		
to be alone		ſ	7	H	
for pleasure to improve my skills or knowledge		1	_		IH
for a challenge		ſ	7	П	
to contribute to my community		ĺ			
to do something different from work.	· 🖂	[
to feel committed to something		[
for excitement		[
to be recognized		1			I A
to be with my family		- 1			H
to be in pleasant surroundings					
other (please specify)		1			

It pives me a sense of accomplishment	It gives me a sense of accomplishment	(c) We would like to kn satisfied through you each statement and incestatement).	r favorite	recre	ational	activit	y. Pleas	se read	For Offic Use Onl
accomplishment. It increases my knowledge about things around me	accomplishment. It increases my knowledge about things around me	statement).		No	rer 1	Sometime	, O	ften	
things around me	things around me			. []		[•-
It provides opportunities to try new things. I socialize with others through this recreational activity. It helps me to relax. It is physically challenging. It helps me to stay healthy. The areas or places where I engage in this recreational activity are pleasing to me. (d) Approximately how much money did you spend on participating in your favorite recreational activity within the past 12 months? (Check one box for each category). 60 91 to 960 to 9100 to \$250 to 9600 or Equipment costs — includes purchases, rentals, maintenance or repairs of equipment. Travel costs — include cost of all transportation which you may use Membership dues or entrance fees — include pay-as-you-play. Other expenditures not included above; e.g. meals and	It provides opportunities to try new things. I socialize with others through this recreational activity. It helps me to relax. It is physically challenging. It helps me to stay healthy. The areas or places where I engage in this recreational activity are pleasing to me. (d) Approximately how much money did you spend on participating in your favorite recreational activity within the past 12 months? (Check one box for each category). 60 \$1 to \$650 to \$100 to \$250 to \$600 or \$49 \$999 \$248 \$449 \$999 \$249 \$449 \$999 \$100 to \$250 to \$600 or repairs of equipment . Travel costs — include cost of all transportation which you may use . Membership dues or entrance fees — include pay-as-you-play . Other expenditures not included above; e.g. meals and			. [[
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It helps me to relax	It helps me to relax	I socialize with others t	hrough thi	s r	7		-[7	
It is physically challenging	It is physically challenging			Г	ے ا		,	_	
It helps me to stay healthy	It helps me to stay healthy			Г	ך ר		1	_	
The areas or places where I engage in this recreational activity are pleasing to me	The areas or places where I engage in this recreational activity are pleasing to me				ק ר	H		╡	
engage in this recreational activity are pleasing to me	engage in this recreational activity are pleasing to me				_	_		_	
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		included above; e.g. meals and		П	П	П	П	П	
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(a) Is there any recreational activity th you would like to start regularly? Yes No Go to				Use On
If yes, please specify which recreat start.	·		most like to	7
Name one activity only				
(b) Why don't you participate in this reason affects your ability to per reason).				• 0 8
	Never a problem	Sometimes a problem	Often a problem	
Family commitments				
Work commitments				
Not having the physical abilities			$\overline{\Box}$	
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •				
The present price of gasoline Not having artistic or creative				
abilities				
Admission fees and charges to use recreational facilities				
I don't know where I can participate in this activity				
It is difficult to find others to participate with				
The price of recreational equipment				
I don't know where I can learn the activity				
The recreational facilities or areas are overcrowded				
l am shy about participating in public				
There is no opportunity to participate near my home				
l am physically unable to participate				
Lack of transportation				
Other (please specify)				

FOR EXAMPLE, if 'tant to you, you wo					
tant to you, you wo	Not at all important	i the impoi	rtance so	Extremely important	
hobbies and crafts	1	2	3	4 (5)	
Or, if "hobbies and 2 on the importance		ot import	ant, yo	_	
	Not at all important			Extremely	
hobbies and crafts	1	2	3	4 5	
	Not at all important			Extremely important	
things you do with you					
family		2	3	4 5	"H
going on vacation	. 1	2	3	4 5	
entertainment such as restaurants, movies, et	c. 1	2	3	4 5	
living close to recreational facilities	. 1	2	3	4 5	
participating in sports .		2	3	4 5	l ñ
the neighborhood you	•	•] [
live in	. 1	2	3	4 5	
reading for pleasure	. 1	2	3	4 5	
visiting museums, art galleries, libraries,					
theatres	. 1	2	3	4 5	
watching T.V	1	2	3	4 5	
participating in hobbies and crafts		2	3	4 5	
participating in creative		2	3	7 3	
arts such as music,					
drama and art	1	2	3	4 5	.
entertainment such as lounges, bars, etc	1	2	3	4 5	
having church groups,		_			
service groups and con					
munity organizations in your community		2	3	4 5	
being a spectator of					
sport activities		2	3	4 5	
a challenging job	1	2	3	4 5	

 We would like to know your attitut is your opinion on each of the follo 			What	For Office Use Only
Recreation makes me	Disagree	Agree		
feel good	Ш			۵ 📗
People should seek as much recreation as possible in their lives				
I like to do things on the spur of the moment				
It is bad for adults to be playful.				
Most people spend too much time enjoying themselves today				
The thought of having more free time when I retire scares me				
One should feel a sense of pride in one's recreational activities.				
 (a) Participation in recreational ac settings. Do you participate in r following social settings? (Check 	ecreational a	ctivities in any of the		
by yourself	V**	No.		
with your friends				
with members of your family				
with your fellow workers		님		
with your church group				
other (describe)				Ь
(b) How important are each of the tion? (Check one for each social		cial settings for your	recrea-	
	Not Importan	Somewhat Imp t Important	ortant	
by yourself	🗆			
with your friends	🗆			
with members of your family				
with your fellow workers				
with your church group	🗆	- [
Other (describe)				

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SECTION 3	For Office Use Only
We would like to know your opinions on and answers to the following questions that relate to the programs and services offered by Alberta Recreation and Parks.	
 Some people feel it is important that Alberta's amateur athletes win medals in interprovincial and national competitions and others don't feel this way. What is your opinion? 	
Not Somewhat Important No Important Important opinion	
	-
Some people feel it is important that Canada's amateur athletes win medals in international competitions and others don't feel this way. What is your opinion?	
Not Somewhat Important No important important opinion	
Some people feel there are enough opportunities for families to participate together in organized recreational activities and others don't feel there are enough opportunities. What is your opinion?	
Not enough Enough Too many No opportunities opportunities opportunities opinion	
 Some people feel there is too much emphasis on competition in organized sports for children and others feel there isn't enough emphasis. What is your opinion? 	
Not enough Enough Too much No emphasis emphasis emphasis opinion	
5. Some people agree that schools should be used for public-recreation purposes outside of school hours and others disagree. What is your opinion?	
Disagree Agree No opinion	
6. Some people agree that employers should help provide recreational activities for their employees and others disagree. What is your opinion?	
Disagree Agree No opinion	
7. Volunteers work in many areas of organized recreation. Do you agree or	
disagree with the following statements? (Check all items.)	
Volunteers are given meaningful Disagree Agree No opinion 185Ks	72
Volunteers have an important role in the community.	
The personal sacrifices of	
volunteering make it difficult for me to participate as a volunteer	
8	

Volunteers have a chance to learn new things. The number of people who are willing to volunteer is decreasing.	Disagree	Agree	No opinion	For Office Use Only
 (a) Do the following provide recreation area, village, town or city in which y 				.09
Preventive Social Services Boards Churches	Y••		Don't know	
Service groups or community organizations				
Municipal parks and recreation departments or boards				
Exhibition boards or agricultural societies				
Schools, Universities or colleges . Employers				
Further Education Councils				
Commercial facilities				
(b) How often do you use the recreat by the following? (Check all that ap		ams or serv		
Preventive Social Services Boards				*-
Churches				
Municipal parks and recreation departments or boards				
Exhibition boards or agricultural societies				
Schools, universities or colleges .				
Employers			П	
Commercial facilities				
Private clubs				

How much do you depend on the folio activities? (Check one box per line.)	wing to organize your recreational	For Office Use Only
I have taken up a new recreation The advertisements have had	No (Go to Section 4) eck all that apply.) ts of participating in recreation. onal activity.	
	10	

SECTION 4 This lest section requests general information about you and members of your household. Your answers will help us learn more about the people we are here to serve. All replies will be held in the strictest confidence.	For Office Use Only
1. What is your sex? Male Female	*
2. How old are you? years.	
3. What is your marital status? Married Single Other	
(a) What is the highest level of education you have attained? (Please check one only.)	
Elementary school (up to Grade 6)	
Junior high school (up to Grade 9)	
Part of senior high school	
Completed senior high school	
Part of a technical or vocational program	
Completed a technical or vocational program	
Part of a university degree	
Completed university degree	
Other (please describe)	
(b) If you are married, what is the highest level of education that your spouse has attained? (Please check one only.) Elementary school (up to Grade 6)	
<u>·</u>	

6 (Yes No No	For Office Use Only
U. 11	a) Did any members of your household work as volunteers in the past twelve months?	*[_]
	Yes No No	
(1	b) If yes, how many members of your household worked as volunteers?	
	Please specify number of people.	
7. V	What is your occupation? (Please describe your work.)	
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	Please answer part A or part B of this question	
8. (a) In what village, town or city do you live?	
	Please specify	
(b) If you live on a farm or acreage, to what village, town or city is your mail addressed?	
	Please specify.	
C	Which of the following best describes your household? (Please check one of the following.)	
(Couple with children	
C	Couple with no children.	П
9	Single parent family	
c	One or more unrelated single adults.	
(Other (please explain)	
F	How many members of your household are in the following age groups? Please specify the number of people in each age group. (Do not forget to include yourself.)	•10
(Children under 6 years of age	
(Children between 6 and 17	
	Adults between 18 and 29	
	Adults between 30 and 49	
	Adults between 50 and 64	
,	Adults 65 or over	

11. (a) What type of dwelling do you live in? (Check one box only.) apartment	For Offic Use Only
house (single family dwelling)	
attached housing (duplex, townhouse, condominium)	
mobile home	30
other (please specify)	
(b) Do you own or rent your dwelling? Own Rent	
12. How long have you lived in your present dwelling?	
less than 6 months	
6 months to 1 year	
1 to 2 years	
13. How long have you lived in Alberta?	
less than 6 months	
6 months to 1 year	
1 to 2 years	
14.(a) How many people from your household received an income during the past 12 months?	
Please specify the number of people	
(b) Approximately, what was the total amount of income that you and members of your household received during the past 12 months?	
less than \$10,000	
\$10,001 to \$15,000	
\$15,001 to \$20,000	
\$20,001 to \$25,000	
\$25,001 to \$30,000	
\$30,001 to \$35,000	
Thank you very much for your co-operation in answering and returning the questionnaire. Please remember that the envelope enclosed does not require postage.	

APPENDIX B

Explanation of Method Used to Obtain "Estimated Participation by Albertans"

Estimates were based on the following assumptions:

All non-response biases inherent in the mail questionnaire design are accounted for by weighting the response differences in the following manner:

- (1) Responses from the first return wave for each activity yield a mean participation estimate per household of "Mean X1".
- (2) Responses from the second return wave for each activity yield a mean number of participants per household of "Mean X2".
- (3) Responses from non-responding households can be estimated by decreasing the estimated number of participants per household from the second wave by the difference between the first wave and the second wave (i.e., let the non-respondents' estimate of participation be "Mean X3". Then, Mean X3 = (Mean X2 (Mean X1 Mean X2)).
- (4) The total sample mean number of participants per household is estimated by weighting each sub-sample by its proportion of the original sample. (These figures will be provided on request).

While confidence intervals could be produced using similar procedures, they have not been identified here pending a demonstration of need.

It is the author's (Art Dyer) opinion that this procedure underestimates the amount of participation that takes place in highly repetitive activities which do not require much preparation or co-ordination such as radio listening or TV watching (i.e., underestimated in comparison to activities which require preparation and co-ordination). The figures are thus best used as indications of relative magnitude of appeal among activities which are homogeneous in these regards.

Moreover, mail surveys do not offer much control over who actually answers forms that are sent out. While the weighting of response waves reduces the error due to uninterested people refusing to answer, it does not reduce the error due to uninterested people giving the questionnaire to interested people to answer. This is a general limitation of the form, however, and is probably not as serious as other sources of error.

APPENDIX C

Explanation of Method Used to Obtain "Estimated Participant Days by Albertans"

Estimates of participant days were based on the following assumptions:

(a) Participants in the following categories participated the noted number of times (on the average):

Category from Questionnaire	Average number of times category members participated
1 to 10 times	5
11 to 30 times	20
31 to 50 times	40
51 or more times	51

- (b) All non-response biases inherent in the mail questionnaire design are accounted for by weighting the response differences in the following manner:
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 - (2) Responses from the second return wave for each activity yield a mean number of participants per household of "Mean X2".
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 - (4) The total sample mean number of participants per household is estimated by weighting each sub-sample by its proportion of the original sample. (These figures will be provided on request).
 - (5) Estimates of the number of participants in each "number of times" class are derived by multiplying the weighted sample mean by the number of households in the province in the usual manner. While confidence intervals could be produced using similiar procedures, they have not been indicated here pending a demonstration of need.

(6) The estimates of number of participants per "number of times" category for each activity are then weighted by the "assumed average number of times category members participated" noted in assumption (a) above. For example, participation in "crafts and hobbies":

Est. No. of Part.	Category Weight	No. of Participant- Days in 1980
462,327	5	2,311,635
274,872	20	5,487,440
	40	5,263,320
	51	7,810,650
1,021,932	NA	20,883,045
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